

SOMB Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order on September 15, 2011. Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), via videoconferencing, in Chicago and Springfield, Illinois. Chairperson Alyssa Schafer called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

Member(s):

Chicago: Robin McGinnis, Verlin Meinz, Lisa Stephens, Abdi Tinwalla

Springfield: Alyssa Schafer, Michael Bednarz, Amy Campanelli, Pat Delfino, Sheryl Essenburg, Steve Goytia, Cheri Miller, Dick Winkler

Via Phone: Mickie Owens, Dustin Sutton

Non-Member(s):

Alesia Crockett (Attorney General's Office), Mary Morrissey (Attorney General's Office), Jerry Isikoff, Laurie Jo Reynolds (Sorors Justice Fellow), Michael Kleppin (IL-ATSA)

ABSENT:

Member(s):

Excused: Cara Smith, Harry Reed, Shauna Boliker, Carol Corgan, Tracie Newton

Unexcused: B. Kent Jones

A. Welcome/Roll Call

B. Review of Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2011

A motion was made by Robin McGinnis and seconded by Dustin Sutton to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2011 meeting. All Board members present approved the motion.

C. Illinois – Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

1. Cheri L. Miller, Psy.D., President-Illinois ATSA read the letter they drafted in response to SB0265 (P.A. 097-0257) which removes four members from the SOMB effective January 1, 2012. The four members affected include: (1) Illinois-ATSA representative, (2) Licensed Mental Health Professional, (3) Illinois Polygraph Association and (4) the Illinois Principal's Association Representative.
2. Dr. Abdi Tinwalla discussed the 30th Annual Research and Treatment Conference sponsored by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers will be held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, November 2 through 5, 2011.

Dr. Tinwalla wanted to know if the Board would consider covering the cost for a Board member to attend the Conference. Alyssa Schafer responded by stating the Board would not be able to at this time, but may revisit this issue at a later date.

D. Legislation Update: Public Act 097-0257 (SB0265)

The Board continues to express concerns that they were unable to identify the person(s) involved with SB0265. Robin McGinnis stated she was unable to obtain any information from Senator Kwame Raoul's office. Amy Campanelli suggested making a FOIA request for the information. Mary Morrissey stated the bill was sponsored by Senator Raoul and to her knowledge the Attorney General's office did not have any input in this legislation.

E. Approved Provider Update

Alesia Crockett informed the group there are currently 407 SOMB Approved Providers.

F. Task Force – Committees Reports

Standards and Guidelines & Research

Dr. Michael Bednarz reported the Committee met and discussed the amending the Adult standards to mirror the Juvenile standards by requiring licensure. There would possibly be a grandfathering in process for those providers who cannot obtain licensure. In addition, they discussed charging an application fee to cover the cost of hiring a credential specialist/agency.

Quality Assurance of Providers & Ethics and Conflict of Interest

No report.

Funding

Verlin Mainz stated there was no formal meeting but would consider asking the legislature for funds. Alesia Crockett reported as of August 31, 2011 the Fund balance was \$56,750.44. Program account (reimbursements to locals) = \$38,368.50; and Operations account (travel, training, postage, etc.) = \$18,381.94.

Appointment

No report.

Legislative

Amy Campanelli stated the Committee met on August 30, 2011. They discussed SB0265 and the loss of Board members. At the next meeting the Committee plans to cover: (1) the By-Laws, (2) membership changes, (3) review statute, (4) audit findings, and (5) developing legislation that may include gaining back loss members. Amy requested everyone take a final look at the letter to Legislature before it is mailed. Alesia Crockett will mail the letter the week of September 19th.

G. New Business

It was announced earlier in the meeting, effective August 31, 2011 that Alyssa Schafer is the new SOMB Chairperson. Everyone present congratulated Alyssa and wished her much success.

Jerry Isikoff said "Thanks" to the Board and expressed that he thoroughly enjoyed participating on the Board and being a member. Jerry resigned on June 3, 2011.

H. Next Meeting: November 17, 2011, Illinois State Police, Pontiac, Illinois

I. Adjournment